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Kemp, Larew, Lyon, Norwood,  
Perry, Pierce and Taylor.

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In October, 1906, the junior author of this work had a pamphlet printed on another branch of this family. The object in getting out this pamphlet, which is similar in scope, is to give those interested an early opportunity of using such information as has been obtained. At a future date it is hoped that the two publications may be combined, along with information still to be obtained, and printed and bound in a manner which may be more suitable and lasting. With the names of the allied families presented in the title, we have only mentioned female members of the Dobyns family who have become allied into other families by marriage. Inasmuch as the greater portion of this history is given to the descendants of James Dobyns and Sarah Cooper, sister to the great grandfather of one of the authors, it was also thought advisable to incorporate her name in the title. The history begins with the first Dobyns who emigrated to America. A pamphlet has already been printed giving the history of the descendants of Jacob Cooper, brother of Sarah Cooper Dobyns and great grandfather of the joint author, W. F. Cooper.

In presenting this information, we have followed a chronological order for the members of each family, with the direct descendants of each person down to the present as far as possible. This arrangement is facilitated by reference numbers and back references, as will be observed in the text. We trust that it will serve the purpose quite sufficiently.

### FIRST GENERATION (IN AMERICA).

1. Edward Dobyns was born in England, December 7, 1747. He landed in New York and moved into Culpeper Co., Va. During the Revolutionary War he took part in a number of engagements with Lieutenant Apollon Cooper, and, according to Wm. Ray Dobyns, was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., in 1782. After peace was established he moved into Mason Co., Ky. According to Mrs. Aurelia A. Ballou he married Frances Howe. She was born May 6, 1751, and died Jan. 29, 1821, in Mason Co., Ky. Edward Dobyns died April 3, 1794, and is either buried near Flemingsburg or in Mason Co., Ky., according to most sources of information. Their children were:

## SECOND GENERATION.

2. Thomas Dobyns, born Nov. 19, 1770; died July 3, 1829.
3. James Dobyns, married Sarah Cooper. See paragraph 14.
4. Wm. Dobyns, born June 25, 1774; died April 7, 1782.
5. Edward Dobyns, see paragraph 137.
6. Elizabeth Dobyns, see paragraph 138.
7. Catherine Dobyns, born May 31, 1779; died March 15, 1785.
8. Charles Dobyns, see paragraph 139.
9. Enoch Dobyns, see paragraph 158.
10. Mary Dobyns, see paragraph 159.
11. Benjamin Dobyns, see paragraph 160.
12. Berry Dobyns, see paragraph 161.
13. Baldwin Dobyns, born Jan. 8, 1793; died June 5, 1793.

14. James Dobyns, see paragraph 1, line 3, was born March 2, 1772, in Culpeper Co., Va., and died July 21, 1834, at Flemingsburg, Ky. He married Sarah Cooper Sept. 2, 1791, at Washington, Mason Co., Ky. She was born Jan. 12, 1776, in Loudoun Co., Va., and died Oct. 3, 1851, at Hannibal, Mo. Her father, Apollos Cooper, lived in Loudoun Co., Va., and served as a second lieutenant and as a lieutenant in Capt. Charles West's company known also as Reuben Briscoe's company, Third Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall, Revolutionary War. Commissioned second lieutenant, Feb. 9, 1776; promoted lieutenant (presumably first lieutenant), Aug. 7, 1776, and was killed Sept. 11, 1777, at the battle of Brandywine. The maiden name of the mother of Sarah Cooper was Sarah Reed, daughter of Wm. Reed, a Virginia colonial soldier. She also had two brothers, Robert who moved to Tennessee, and Jacob Cooper, great grandfather of the joint author of this work, who resided in Kentucky and Indiana. She married again after the death of her husband, Apollos Cooper. A complete history of the descendants of Jacob Cooper has already been printed. James Dobyns was either a Whig or Jeffersonian in politics and a Baptist. He was High Sheriff of Fleming Co., Ky. According to Mr. C. N. Dobyns of Corning, Mo., he assisted in the killing of Chief Tecumseh at the Battle of Thames in the second war with Great Britain. Their children were:

## THIRD GENERATION.

15. Apollos Cooper D., born Sept. 20, 1795.
16. Frances Dobyns, see paragraph 28.
17. George Washington D., see paragraph 39.
18. Edward Dobyns, see paragraph 42.
19. Elizabeth Dobyns, see paragraph 43.
20. Mary Reed Dobyns, see paragraph 62.
21. Thornton Farron D., born Sept. 2, 1808; died, unmarried, Oct. 5, 1828.
22. Asenath Dobyns, see paragraph 67.
23. Charlotte Reed Dobyns, see paragraph 76.

- 24. Wm. Dobyus, born June 9, 1816.
- 25. James Reed Dobyus, see paragraph 103.
- 26. Lewis Craig Dobyus, see paragraph 117.
- 27. Julia Ann Leticia Dobyus, see paragraph 131.

28. Frances Dobyus, see paragraph 11, line 16, was born March 11, 1797, the second child of James Dobyus, and married Samuel D. Henry. They had three children.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

- Wm. Henry, see paragraph 29.
- George Henry, see paragraph 30.
- Mary Dorcas Henry, see paragraph 31.

29. Wm. Henry moved to California when quite a lad. He and family are all dead.

30. George Henry died in Cincinnati, Ohio, leaving a wife and three children. She afterwards married again and moved into Texas.

31. Mary Dorcas Henry was born May 16, 1825, and died May 23, 1865. She married James Samuel Rainey, Jan. 17, 1840, at Sharpsburg, Ky. He was born at Winchester, Ky., Aug. 4, 1819, and died Nov. 23, 1884, at Covington, Ky. His occupation was saddler, politics Republican, religion Presbyterian. His father, Wm. Samuel Rainey, was born in North Carolina and married Ruhanna Lindsley of Kentucky. He was a professor of languages at Mt. Sterling, Ky. Their children were:

- Edward Rainey,
- Edward Rainey,
- Susan E. Rainey, married J. T. Leonard,
- Ann Rainey, Chillicothe, Mo.
- James S. Rainey, married Mary D. Henry, see paragraph 31.
- Rebecca M. Rainey, married Hiram Park,
- Maria C. Rainey, married W. O. Goodloe,
- H. Clay Rainey, married Lou Wallace, Chillicothe, Mo.

The grandfather of James Samuel Rainey was Judge James Rainey. He was born Aug. 1, 1758, in North Carolina, and died Sept. 16, 1841.

Children of James S. Rainey and Mary Dorcas Henry are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

- 32. Edward Alonzo Rainey, born March 7, 1841. He married Carrie Ray, and is said to be at the Soldiers' Home, Quincy, Ill.
- 33. George Dobyus Rainey, born Nov. 26, 1847, Cleveland, O.
- 34. John Parish Rainey, born Jan. 9, 1850, Sturgeon, Mo.
- 35. Susan Elizabeth Rainey, see paragraph 38.
- 36. Carrie Stockton Rainey, born Sept. 3, 1856, address 11½ N. 9th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

37. Henry Clay Rainey, born Sept. 13, 1862. He married Kate Kemper. Address, Oliver, Wright and Rainey, Cincinnati, Ohio.

38. Susan Elizabeth Rainey, see line 35, was born July 8, 1854, at Sharpsburg, Bath Co., Ky. She was married Dec. 1, 1885, at Covington, Ky., to John Tyler Meteer, who was also born at Sharpsburg, Jan. 28, 1844. The maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Hill. His occupation is farmer, religion Presbyterian, politics Republican, postoffice Columbia, Mo., R. F. D. No. 4. Their children are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Leonard Rainey Meteer, born July 11, 1887.  
Guy Ellsworth Meteer, born Oct. 28, 1891.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

39. George Washington Dobyms, see paragraph 14, line 17, was born Feb. 24, 1799, or in 1797, and married Rebecca Coulter. They had four children:

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

Margaret Dobyms, died unmarried.  
Sarah Jane Dobyms, see paragraph 10.  
Henry Bascom, see paragraph 11.  
Evaline Dobyms, died unmarried.

40. Sarah Jane Dobyms married Alfred Norwood. I only have information of one child.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

Henry B. Norwood, Mt. Carmel, Ky.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

41. Henry Bascom Dobyms, son of Geo. W. Dobyms, see paragraph 39, was born April 30, 1830, at Sharpsburg, Bath Co., Ky., and died Nov. 7, 1877. He was married May 17, 1871, to Nannie Virginia Goodman. She was born Sept. 19, 1843, at Mt. Gilead, Mason Co., Ky., and is now living at Flemingsburg, Ky. Her father, Fielding Lewis Goodman, was born in Albemarle Co., Va. Her mother was Elizabeth Moss Wallingford. Henry B. Dobyms was a lawyer, Circuit Clerk and served two terms in the Kentucky legislature. He resided at Flemingsburg, Ky. Children of Henry B. Dobyms and Nannie V. Goodman:

## FIFTH GENERATION.

George Louis Dobyns, see paragraph 11a.

Henry Bascom Dobyns, see paragraph 11b.

41a. George Louis Dobyns was born Oct. 17, 1872, at Flemingsburg, Ky., and was married April 7, 1904, near Helena, Mason Co., Ky., to Lillie Bell Griffin. She was born Feb. 18, 1877, at Valparaiso, Porter Co., Indiana. Her father was Joseph Griffin and the maiden name of her mother Rebecca Bascome. Mr. Dobyns is a Methodist, in politics a Democrat and resides at Urbana, Ill., where he is storekeeper in the Physics Dept., Univ. of Ill.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

Paul Bascom Dobyns, born Feb. 12, 1905.

Wm. Emery Dobyns, born March 31, 1906.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

41b. Henry Bascom Dobyns, born March 24, 1875, at Flemingsburg, Ky., and was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Louie Bell Pollitte, at Middleboro, Bell Co., Ky. She was born Sept. 3, 1879, at Rectorsville, Mason Co., Ky. Her father was Wm. Thomas Pollitte, and her mother Annie Eliza Cooper. Mr. Dobyns is a farmer and bookkeeper, in politics a Democrat. Their children are:

## SIXTH GENERATION.

Virginia Claire Dobyns, born July 10, 1904.

Wm. Harold Dobyns, born Oct. 15, 1902.

Henry Bascome Dobyns, born Nov. 5, 1904; died Jan. 4, 1905.

Nannie Varina Dobyns, born Nov. 6, 1906.

## THIRD GENERATION.

42. Edward Dobyns, see paragraph 14, line 18, the fourth child of James D. and Sarah Cooper Dobyns, was born March 27, 1801. The following account of his life is taken from a clipping printed by a St. Louis paper and preserved by Mrs. Annelia Anna Pierce Ballou:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

The object of this sketch was born in Washington, Mason county, Ky., March 27, 1801, where he resided only a few years, his parents removing to the adjoining county (Fleming), in which the days of his early youth were spent, enjoying only the limited educational advantages of that day. His grandfather, Edward Dobyns, was of English descent, and came to America long before the Revolution, settling in Culpeper county, Virginia. While Kentucky was a part of Virginia he removed to that portion which is now Mason county. Edward Dobyns raised a family of twelve children, one of whom was James Dobyns, the father of Maj. Edward Dobyns. James Dobyns possessed a fine intellect, well educated, and held official and personal intercourse with the Marshals, Lees, Coburns and Gra-

hams, at that time residents of that portion of Kentucky. Under the old constitution of that state he held the office of high sheriff of his county. He was schooled in the principles of Mr. Jefferson, and took an active part in the political questions that agitated Kentucky in the formation of her first constitution and application to congress for her admission as a state into the Union, it being the first state admitted after the adoption of the federal constitution. The mother of Maj. Dobyns was a daughter of Lieutenant Apollos Cooper, who fell at the head of his company in the battle of Brandywine. After his death she was taken, raised and educated by her grandfather, Col. William Reed, who at an early day emigrated to Kentucky. His father, James Dobyns, and Sarah Cooper, were married in Washington, Mason county, Ky., in the year 1794, and raised seven sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters are now living.

The subject of this sketch was married to Miss Anna Wise in May, 1822, of Mason county, Kentucky, a lady of most excellent judgment and Christian character. She greatly aided her husband in his earlier struggles in advancing his fortunes and acquiring the wealth he succeeded in obtaining. Mrs. Dobyns was a consistent member of the Baptist church, now called the "Second Baptist church," of St. Louis, and during the years she was connected with it she was ever ready to engage in whatever tended to advance its best interests.

#### A BRIGHT EXAMPLE.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and in all the relations of life an excellent example. She died at the age of 50 years, in full faith of gaining the rest that awaits the righteous. Her last words were "All is well." Maj. Dobyns removed with his family to St. Louis in the fall of 1825, the city having then a population of about 3,000 inhabitants. Here he resided about forty years, during which time he held many positions of honor and trust. For many years he was a member of the board of aldermen, was chairman of the committee on streets and alleys, during which time, in connection with Col. Reno Paul, city engineer, was constructed the wharf in front of the city. The old Spanish grant of lots along the river front called for the water's edge less a "towing path" a public highway given by the Spanish government in all their rivers, and, as the grantees claimed to the river, gave rise to great obstacles. The city, to avoid these, pushed the Mississippi river some hundred feet from its old shore, so as to form a wharf large enough to accommodate the growing commerce of the place. It was a work of great magnitude, and of doubtful practicability, yet it was successfully accomplished. He was chairman of the committee of water-works, and aided in the construction of that great work, though then but a miniature of the magnitude of the present grand system of waterworks of St. Louis. Maj. Dobyns was twice elected by the legislature as state director of the Bank of the State of Missouri and served two terms in that position. He was appointed by the legislature one of the corporators of the Boatmen's Saving institution when the directors, in order to put the institution in opera-



tion, had each to advance a certain amount to secure the payment of rent of office and clerk hire. This bank has since become the strongest west of the Mississippi. In politics Maj. Dobyms was educated in the school of Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison and others of that period. He took active part in the contest that convulsed his native state, Kentucky, from 1818 to 1825, arising from what was then known as the "Relief and anti-Relief" and the "Old Court" and "New Court" questions of that day.

#### AN OLD-TIME DEMOCRAT.

Arriving in Missouri immediately after the election of Mr. Adams by the house of representatives, 1825, he aided in the formation of the Jackson or Democratic party of Missouri, with all the old Democrats of that day, such as Col. Benton, Gen. Wm. H. Ashley, Senator Lewis F. Linn, Gov. John Miller and others, he had personal and political intercourse, and attended all the Democratic state conventions.

In 1839 he was nominated by the state convention as a Democratic elector on the Van Buren ticket, in the memorable "log cabin and hard cider campaign" of 1840, and was elected by a large majority over the Harrison and Tyler electors. In 1845 he was appointed, without application, by President Polk, receiver of public moneys of that land office for the district of Missouri, and was made a disbursing officer by the secretary of the treasury, and while holding this position hundreds of thousands of dollars were received and disbursed.

In this connection an incident may be mentioned. At the close of the four years, for which he was appointed, his accounts for receipts and disbursements of the large amounts which passed through his hands were made out in due form and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury and he went out of office, and turned over to his successor, Richard B. Dallam, the office and all books and papers. Some two months afterwards he received an official communication from the secretary of the treasury, informing him that his accounts as late receiver of public moneys, had been received and referred to the proper accounting officer, who finds from a thorough examination of all moneys received and disbursed for the four years that you are indebted to the government in the sum of 63 cents, which amount you are hereby directed to deposit with the assistant treasurer in St. Louis, taking therefor triplicate receipts, sending one to his office, one to the commissioner of the general land office, and retain the other."

This was promptly complied with, and some time after another communication was received, informing him that his accounts had been balanced and closed, and his bonds for \$150,000 had been that day cancelled.

#### HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

Maj. Dobyms in his first marriage was the father of two children, the oldest son, James Milton Dobyms, who died in 1850. He possessed a fine mind, and received a thorough education, having at-

tended Kemper college and Shurtleff, and completed his educational course at Princeton college, New Jersey, where he graduated with honor. Returning home in delicate health he sought to restore it by traveling in Mexico and other places, but it was unavailing. His death was a source of the deepest grief to his parents and many friends. Their second child, Mary E. Dobyns, received a liberal education, and is a most attractive and accomplished young lady.

Maj. Dobyns was married to his second wife, Miss Elizabeth V. Smurall (a daughter of Joseph K. Smurall, Esq., of Mayslick, Mason county, Ky., in 1852. She is a lady of superior mind and education, a devoted Christian ever ready to engage in works of benevolence. Their only child, Joseph S. Dobyns, was born June 24, 1854, and received a full college course of education and graduated at Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., then in charge of Dr. N. L. Rice, its president. He is now a practicing lawyer of excellent standing at the bar of St. Louis, where he has resided since 1876, and is meeting with a degree of success in his profession, commensurate with his indomitable energy and perseverance.

#### AN HONEST POLITICIAN.

Maj. Dobyns belonged to that class of politicians who, however widely they may differ with opponents in regard to principles, whatever may be their views respecting men and measures, are always honest, and who ever have the interests and the welfare of the country at heart. He was of that class who believe it to be the duty of every citizen to unite with the party whose principles he thought to be right, without weighing its chances of success or defeat, and to do all that he could honorably and fairly, to aid in achieving a victory for it. Such men may be considered "old-fashioned" by many, but still it may be doubted by some whether the representative politician of the present day is wiser than the founders of the government, and their immediate successors. Unfortunately for years there have been too many who are willing to strive for the success of their party, regardless of the end to be attained, or the means employed in achieving success. Maj. Dobyns has often contributed articles on historical subjects to the papers. He was called upon by the historian, Prof. Elthm H. Sheppard, secretary of the Missouri Historical Society, for a statement of the facts connected with the fatal duel between Maj. Thomas Biddle and Hon. Spencer Pettus, member of congress from Missouri, in which both parties fell. This account was furnished and filed with the important papers of the Historical society. About the same time he wrote a series of articles signed "Jefferson," published some fifteen years since in the Fulton Telegraph. In these articles he gave the links that form the chain of title to the Louisiana territory. These papers were presented by Gen. Nathan Ramsey, president of the Missouri Historical society, and filed in the archives of the society. To the author of these articles, in the preparation of which much care was exercised and a great deal of investigation and a close examination of various authorities necessary, the thanks of the society were voted and entered upon its records.

More recently he wrote a series of articles over the signature of "Old Line Democrat," in which he gave an account of the formation and workings of the Democratic party of Missouri and a historical sketch of the party, and the distinguished men who figured as its leaders during a period of nearly fifty years. An article in the *Southern Review* of January, 1873, entitled "The Cause of the Dissolution of Gen. Jackson's Cabinet," was received by him, and the many errors contained in that article were exposed. Besides tracing the true cause of the dissolution of that cabinet back to the cabinet of Monroe, where it had its origin, it also defended Gen. Jackson against charges made against him of the violation of international law, in his conduct during the Seminole war, and exposed some statements of Mons. de Toegneville, respecting American democracy. A caustic review of a paper read by Rev. Dr. McCosh, president of Princeton college, New Jersey, was next published by him, in which the many errors contained in the statistical statement of Dr. McCosh were exposed and the South defended against the attacks of Northern writers.

#### A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE.

Upon the announcement of the death of a daughter of Col. Benton, Mrs. Susan Virginia Benton Boileau, wife of Baron Boileau, minister plenipotentiary of France to Peru, Maj. Dobyns wrote and published an appropriate and beautiful tribute to her memory, and that of her distinguished father. To the Mason county Kentucky Historical society he presented a paper in which is given the biographical sketches of some of the eminent citizens of St. Louis, Gen. Wm. H. Ashley, Maj. Richard Graham (grandfather of Hon. R. Graham Frost), and others, who were connected by marriage with prominent families, in that portion of Kentucky. This paper which was extensively in complimentary terms noticed and republished in Kentucky papers, received the distinction of being enrolled among the archives of the society. In a sketch containing some reminiscences of the administration of Mr. Madison during the war of 1812, is given an interesting account of the first visit of Gen. Wm. Campbell Preston to the presidential mansion, when about 18 years of age. The incidents connected with this visit, his introduction to Mrs. Madison by the president, and by her to Miss Mayo, afterwards Mrs. Gen. Scott, and Miss Coles, afterwards Mrs. Andrew Stevenson, for a long time speaker of the house of representatives, had a rare touch of romance and refinement, and are related in excellent style, and in his peculiarly fascinating way. In this article he also described another incident of thrilling interest, of the British flag, captured by Commodore Perry on Lake Erie which was borne to Washington city by a young lieutenant of the navy, and in the east room of the mansion, surrounded by cabinet officers and foreign ministers, was presented by him to the wife of President Madison and by her waved to the large assemblage, as only a Mrs. Madison could.

His article exposing the historical blunders of Campbell's *Gazette of Missouri*, and his defence of Mrs. Gen. Jackson, were both

able and interesting papers. Shortly afterwards he wrote a series of interesting articles entitled, "Reminiscences of St. Louis in 1825," giving an account of the churches and clergy, the medical profession, the bench and bar, and the city government, the waterworks and other city improvements in the early part of the century, and an historical sketch of the men and politics of that day. Another article from his pen, entitled "Benton and Davis," appeared soon after, in which he showed that Mr. Davis was wrong and Mr. Benton was right, in stating that the South were the supporters of the "Missouri compromise," and that Senator Thomas of Illinois, instead of Hon. Henry Clay, was the real author of the "Missouri compromise," as shown in the record of the votes in the senate. A biographic sketch of the late Beverly Tucker was next published. Next another of the first deaf and dumb asylum established in the United States, giving the credit of the establishment of that institution to Hon. Amos.

#### THE ASHBURTON AND WEBSTER TREATY.

The next articles of his were two upon the Ashburton and Webster treaty of 1842, in which he shows the great injustice done to the United States in the abrogation of the treaty line as fixed in the treaty of peace of 1783, on which much labor was bestowed, in the careful research to show the geographical lines and historic facts connected with the negotiation. He wrote a caustic review of "Gath's" (Alfred Townsend's) lecture in St. Louis upon the great men of the republic, in which he defended Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, against the slurs cast upon their fair names. He has more recently written a beautiful tribute to the memory of his old friend, the late Judge Montgomery Blair. It is not often there is one in whose character are combined more of the elements of a true man; no one more courteous in his demeanor, or more observant of the rules of politeness, nor was any man less disposed to give countenance to anything that even bore the appearance of wrong. Fearless in advocating what was right and in denouncing error or corruption, he was ever true and devoted to his friends; a consistent member of the church, and took a lively interest in all that concerned its prosperity, and also of the educational institutions connected with it. His advice was often sought by the leading men, and his influence was strong, when he chose to exert it, in favor of or in opposition to any measure.

In July, 1876, in the Democratic state convention called to nominate candidates for governor and other state officers, a motion was made and carried, inviting him to a seat as an honorary member of the convention. This was a high honor, conferred upon a veteran Democrat who had long and faithfully borne the heat and burden of political campaigns; and the incident proved that the younger Democracy are slow to forget those who have grown old in the service of their country and party, and that the friends and co-laborers of such eminent men as Benton, Blair, Pettus, Ashley and Linn are still respected and honored. Maj. Dobyns being called

upon, was conducted to the speaker's stand amid loud applause and delivered a brief, but appropriate address to the convention.

At the meeting of the Democratic state convention four years afterwards, he was again invited by resolution of the body to a seat as an honorary member, being introduced to the convention by ex Governor Chas. P. Johnson. He addressed the honorable body, congratulating them in view of the fact of the noble material out of which they were about to select a standard bearer for governor and other state officers, for the coming contest. He retired amid great applause. When, in the beginning of the presidential campaign in 1876, a Tilden and Hendricks club was formed in Fulton, Maj. Dobyns, on account of his age, his dignified bearing and great experience in political matters, was elected president, a position he filled to the entire satisfaction in every respect of all the members of this club, which soon grew to be a large and influential body.

#### VIGOROUS IN MIND AND BODY.

Although Maj. Dobyns reached his 84th year, he was as vigorous in mind and body as most men who are much younger, which is evidence that he had a remarkably fine constitution, and that he had led a prudent and temperate life. He was regular in his habits, of a lively and cheerful disposition, and took deep interest in all matters of importance, whether relating to political, religious or social affairs. A warm friend of the young—he took delight in conversing with, encouraging and instructing them, and whenever he discovered evidence of more than ordinary ability in any young man he never failed to recognize it; nor did he lose an opportunity to assist in developing talents, which too many would prefer to hide or cripple.

Maj. Dobyns' views of the nature and genius of the government he inherited from the revolutionary fathers, who forced the English government to recognize in the treaty of peace of 1783, which closed the revolutionary war, the independence and sovereignty of the revolted states and colonies, and for the advocacy of these principles held so sacred he was, in the madness of revolution, banished from his home, an exile on account of his political opinions, leaving a home of refinement and of happiness, where nothing was wanting that could contribute to the comfort or happiness of its owner, and dwelling for many years among strangers.

An ample fortune, the fruits of many years of toil and careful, honest thrift, vanished from its possessor because he would not forsake the cause which he believed to be right. One may well conclude that the man, who, advanced in years, stood thus firmly and endured these inflictions had some regard for his conscientious convictions and possessed no ordinary degree of fortitude.

The first two children of the next generation were the son and daughter of Edward Dobyns and Anna Wise. Joseph S. Dobyns was the only child of Elizabeth Sumrall Dobyns, second wife of Edward Dobyns.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

James Milton Dobyns, who died in 1850. See biographical sketch of Major Edward Dobyns.

Mary E. Dobyns, of which the following account is taken from the *St. Louis Globe*, Sept., 1906:

The death of Miss Mary E. Dobyns a few days ago, in Galveston, Tex., serves as a sad reminder to older citizens of St. Louis of the stirring times of the civil war, during which she was the center of a sensational episode which had lasting influence on her throughout her life. The remains of Miss Dobyns were brought to St. Louis, and in the presence of many old and distinguished friends laid to rest in the family lot in Bellefontaine cemetery. Among those present on this occasion was Rev. William Dobyns of St. Joseph, Mo., a relative of the family.

Miss Mary E. Dobyns was the daughter of Maj. Edward Dobyns, who came to St. Louis from Lexington, Ky., when it was a small French town. He became prominent and wealthy here, and his mansion at Twelfth and Brooklyn Streets, together with the spacious grounds surrounding it, formed a striking feature of early St. Louis. Many facts concerning Miss Dobyns are related by Mrs. W. O. Gibson, who was a cousin, her mother being a sister of Maj. Dobyns. About the beginning of the civil war, Miss Dobyns, known by her friends as Molly, was the recognized belle of St. Louis, her beauty and accomplishments making her universally popular.

## BANISHED FROM ST. LOUIS.

One of the tragedies of the war was the killing of Col. John M. Wimer, formerly mayor of St. Louis, who had gone into the confederate army. His remains were brought to St. Louis and taken to the home in North St. Louis. An immense concourse of people assembled for the funeral, and as the feeling in the city ran high at that time it was considered advisable by the provost marshal in charge of the federal district to disperse the crowds and enforce a quiet interment of the body. Col. Wimer was an uncle of Miss Dobyns, and she, being present on the occasion, and an ardent southern sympathizer, expressed herself so forcibly that she was arrested. Subsequently she was ordered away and eventually sent to Toronto, Canada, where she spent several years. The feeling engendered by these events was such that the Dobyns family were never content in St. Louis again. Maj. Dobyns went to Kentucky, afterwards to Mexico, Mo., where he died. He was buried in Bellefontaine where his daughter also now rests. Miss Mary, although periodically visiting St. Louis, has spent her life away from here. She lived four years in Portland, Ore., going from there to California, thence to Galveston, where she died.

Joseph Sumrall Dobyns, see biographical sketch of Major Edward Dobyns.

## THIRD GENERATION.

43. Elizabeth Dobyns, fifth child of James and Sarah Dobyns, see paragraph 14, line 19, was born June 17, 1803. She married Henry Taylor in 1829, at Flemingsburg, Ky., and died Aug. 6, 1872, at Springfield, Mo. Henry Taylor was born in 1801 in Virginia, and died in 1866 at St. Louis, Mo. His religion was Baptist. Their children were:

## FOURTH GENERATION.

- 44. Sarah Ann Taylor, born 1831, unmarried.
- 45. Eliza Taylor, born 1833, married, no children.
- 46. James W. Taylor, born 1835, unmarried.
- 47. Annie M. Taylor, born 1837, see paragraph 51.
- 48. Edward D. Taylor, born 1839, married, no children.
- 49. Henry Luther Taylor, born 1842.
- 50. Elizabeth M. Taylor, born 1843, unmarried.

51. Annie M. Taylor, see paragraph 47, was born in Jefferson county, Ky., and is living at Harrods Creek in that state. She married Alfred E. Shirley in 1859. He was born in 1838 in Jefferson county, Ky., and died there in 1885. His father, Walter Shirley, was born in Jefferson county, Ky., and died there in 1848. In 1836 he was married to Elizabeth Harrington. She was born at or near Shelbyville, Ky., and died in 1902 at Chicago, Ill. Walter Shirley was a Presbyterian in belief, occupation farmer, as was also his son, Alfred E. Shirley. Their children are:

## FIFTH GENERATION.

- 52. James B. Shirley, born 1860, unmarried, in Arkansas.
- 53. Alfred W. Shirley, born 1866 in Jefferson Co., Ky., unmarried.
- 54. Lillie E. Shirley, born 1867 in Jefferson Co., Ky., unmarried.
- 55. Henry E. Shirley, see paragraph 59.
- 56. Florence L. Shirley, see paragraph 60.
- 57. Alfred P. Shirley, born in 1875.
- 58. Lottie Annie Shirley, see paragraph 61.

59. Henry E. Shirley, see paragraph 55, was born in 1870, and married Mary Fenley. They have one daughter 13 years old.

60. Florence Lee Shirley, see paragraph 56, was born in 1875, and married Minor Brooks Webster. They have no children.

61. Lottie Annie Shirley, see paragraph 58, was born April 20, 1880, near Louisville, Ky., and was married July 11, 1896, to Adon Eugene Woodell. He was born in 1869 at Raleigh, North Carolina. His occupation is railroad man, religion Episcopalian. They have no children. Residence Harrods Creek, Ky.; present address, Havana, Cuba.

## THIRD GENERATION.

62. Mary Reed Dobyns, see paragraph 14, line 20, was born May 3, 1806, according to information sent me by Mrs. Sarah A. Fields, and the place as Fleningsburg, Ky. Her husband, Laban Bramble, was born in Virginia. They had four children.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

63. Charles Ridgway Bramble.

64. Francena Bramble.

65. George Dobyns Bramble.

66. Helen Marr Bramble, who was born at Ripley, Brown Co., Ohio, and married at St. Louis, Mo., to Wm. Ormiston Gibson. He was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, and died Oct. 23, 1903, at St. Louis, Mo. The following sketch of his life has been prepared by Mrs. Ballou: Mr. Wm. O. Gibson was one of four brothers who came to this country in 1831, and landed in New York in June after a six weeks' voyage. He travelled by stage from New York across the Alleghanies to the Ohio River and down by flat boat to Cincinnati, arriving at the Denison Hotel, at that time the only hotel in the place. His uncle, Peter Gibson, was one of the most successful mechanics in the city of Cincinnati, and at his death was rated a multimillionaire. He was the founder of the Gibson house in that city, besides a number of handsome and substantial buildings which ornament that place. Mr. Wm. O. Gibson came to St. Louis when it was quite a small city and built up a large trade in the grocery business, owning his store and other buildings, a beautiful home on Cabanne Place, and vacant lots on which his son, Charles, erected and sold nine large residences on Vernon Ave. He was the son of William and Mary Gibson, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of pious, refined Presbyterians. His son, Charles, married Miss Vera Daniels of St. Louis. He is in the real estate business in St. Louis on Chestnut St. Both are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Their children were:

## FIFTH GENERATION.

Charles Bramble Gibson, married Miss Vera Daniels.

Ada Gibson, deceased.

Ella Gibson.

## THIRD GENERATION.

67. Asenath Dobyns, see paragraph 14, line 22, was born Jan. 16 1814. She was married to Mr. Credit and died at Falls City, Nebraska. They had a family of eight children.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

68. Mary Credit, married Mr. Hanna.

69. Marcellus Credit.

70. Edward Credit.

71. Virgil Credit.



- 72. Lewis C. Credit.
- 73. Sarah Belle Credit, married Mr. Thompson.
- 74. Frances A. Credit, married Mr. Marsh, Falls City, Nebr.
- 75. Charlotte Credit, married Mr. Yates, Macon, Mo.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

76. Charlotte Reed Dobyns, see paragraph 14, line 23, was born June 26, 1812, near Flemingsburg, Ky., and died June 14, 1890. She was married in October, 1834, to Jonathan Pierce. He was born June 3, 1813, at Bourbon, Ky., and died Jan. 4, 1900. His occupation was that of merchant. The following sketch of his life appeared in a Hannibal, Mo., paper, and has been preserved by his daughter, Mrs. Aurelia Pierce Ballou:

John Murray Pierce, related to the Earl of Mansfield, John Murray Pierce, emigrated from his estate in England to New York in 1776. Went from there to Jamestown, Va., and entered land; then served in the war of the Revolution till its close; then moved to Bourbon county, Ky., when Kentucky was part of Virginia, and lived to be 108 years old. His son, Mordacai Pierce, was first lieutenant in Col. Owen's company, and was at the battle of Tippecanoe and River Raisin, and led the charge with Gen. Taylor at Fort Tecumseh, war of 1812. Jonathan Pierce, son of Col. M. Pierce, took charge of his father's estate in Kentucky, near Maysville. His boyhood was spent in that state. He married in 1834, moved to Greencastle, Ind., and from there to Missouri, stopping at St. Louis long enough to change boats, and came to Hannibal in 1837 on the steamer Rosalie. Capt. Neal Cameron (of Saver-ton) made the trip by water, taking three weeks to get to St. Louis. Landed on May 4. She broke her rudder on the trip and the captain hired a New Orleans packet to take her back to St. Louis for repairs at a cost of \$500. Then again started up the river and landed after a week's voyage in Hannibal, when it was a small landing. His brother, the late Judge Washington Pierce, of Waco, Texas, and his brother-in-law, L. C. Dobyns, were with him, and they built a house on an island near the mouth of Bear Creek, which has since disappeared. At that time Hannibal was a small landing, the booming, coming town. He was called out to protect the border of the state from Indians, and also to settle the dispute of the boundary line between Iowa and Missouri; also the Mormon war. His business life was connected with the history of Hannibal for a half century, being almost a fixture on Main street; had charge of the shipping department of the wholesale house of the late T. R. Selms for twenty years. In later years, in the grocery business with his son, E. H. Pierce, since the late Civil War; closed out in 1893 and retired from business. In 1837, he with his wife united with the Methodist church of this city under the pastorate of Rev. Jamison, and was the oldest member of the church living. He helped to organize the church in the "School House on the Square," when all denominations took their turns every Sabbath. He was known by all early settlers in Marion, Shelby, Monroe and Ralls counties, of this state.

The father of Jonathan Pierce was Mordacai Pierce, who was born at or near Paris, Ky., and who took an active part in the war of 1812. His children were:

Annie, married Wm. Goodwin.  
Jonathan, married Charlotte Dobyns, see paragraph 76.  
Devry, married Nickels.  
Strather.  
Greenburg.  
Newton.  
Jasper.  
Rosetta.  
William.

His grandfather, John Pierce, came from Scotland to Jamestown, Va., in 1776, and afterwards moved to Kentucky. His wife was Sarah Barnard, daughter of Jonathan Barnard. They had a family of nine children:

Mordacai Pierce, mentioned above.  
Col. Wm. Pierce.  
Martha Pierce, married Mr. Ames.  
St. Clair Pierce.  
Winnie Pierce, married Williams.  
Jacob Pierce, never heard from them.  
Samuel Pierce, never heard from them.  
Charles Pierce, married Miss Mounsmith.  
Anna Pierce, married Mr. Firkand.

His great grandfather was John Murray Pierce, Earl of Mansfield.

The children of Charlotte Dobyns and Jonathan Pierce are given in the following list:

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

77. James Madison Pierce, born 1836; deceased.
78. Leander Ryland Pierce, born 1838, deceased.
79. Edward Holmes Pierce, born 1839, single. He held the office of city collector of Hannibal, Mo., for two terms.
80. Aurelia Anna Pierce, see paragraph 86.
81. Frances Asenath Pierce, see paragraph 87.
82. Julia Madonia Pierce, see paragraph 88.
83. Sarah Adelaide Pierce, see paragraph 100.
84. Ella Norah Pierce, see paragraph 101.
85. Charles Wesley Pierce, see paragraph 102.

86. Aurelia Anna Pierce, see paragraph 80, was born in 1846, at Hannibal, Mo., and was married March 27, 1865, to George Washington Ballou. He was born at Asheville, N. C., and died in 1879, at St. Louis, Mo. His father was Anthony Ballou and the maiden name of his mother Elizabeth Cooper. Mr. Ballou was in the medical department of the U. S. A. and resided at St. Louis. His religion was Baptist. His wife, Mrs. Aurelia Pierce Ballou,

the joint author of this history, is engaged in literary work and was on the staff of the Colonial Magazine and other magazines and papers. She is contributor to Poems of America, of which one selection is inserted, "The Army Recessional."

#### THE ARMY RECESSIONAL.

Thro the land today, with martial steps, and slow  
The brave army soldiers, in recessionall go,  
Bearing aloft, to the breezes on high,  
The flag of Our Country, a nation's pride,  
And the blue arched dome, with their music ring,  
As one vast chorus, in Orchestra grand.

Down thro altars, that are covered with bloom,  
Where organs peal forth in grand old tunes,  
Where Lillies of peace, and bright Immortelles  
Bear loving tributes for the Memorial,  
Their ranks are thinning, in this march thro life,  
These veteran soldiers with battles rife,

Soon the drum is heard, with its muffled tones,  
As on thro the streets and lanes they come,  
In their forward march, to cities so still,  
To keep the last bivouack on the distant hill,  
To cover the graves, with the flowers of May,  
Under the Roses the Blue, with the Lillies the Grey.

Soon, many will pass from their ranks away,  
These pilgrim soldiers, of the Blue and Grey,  
Winding along, like a river at sea,  
Until lost in the ocean of eternity,  
Soon the boatman will call to ferry them, o'er  
For the Grand Recessional, on the Evergreen shore,  
And their names in stone, like an untold prayer,  
Of a dear bought peace, thro the fortunes of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballou have one child, unmarried.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

George Anthony Ballou, born Nov. 22, 1876. He is connected with a New York publishing house and is unmarried.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

87. Frances Asenath Pierce, see paragraph 84, was born in 1848, at Hannibal, Mo., and was married in 1864 at that place to Elijah Lloyd Kimmell. He was born in 1842 at Williams Center, Ohio, and died in 1882 at St. Louis, Mo. He was engaged in a railroad occupation at St. Louis, was a Democrat in politics, and a Methodist. His father was John Bowman Kimmell, the maiden name of his mother Abigail Lloyd. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kimmell were:

## FIFTH GENERATION.

John Pierce Kimmell, born 1865, died March 25, 1882.  
 Daisy Natalie Kimmell, born 1870, died June 27, 1872.  
 Glendolene Myrtle Kimmell, born 1880.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

88. Julia Madonia Pierce, see paragraph 82, was born Aug. 28, 1845, at Hannibal, Mo., and was married April 14, 1864, to John Gilhousen. He was born Oct. 9, 1839, at Sprankle Mills, Jefferson Co., Pa. His father, Benjamin Gilhousen, was born March 3, 1811, at Harrisburg, Pa., and died Dec. 3, 1895, at Kahoka, Mo. He married Maria Sprankle at Georgeville, Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 28, 1833. She was born Jan. 29, 1814, at Huntington, Pa., and died Aug. 27, 1899, at Kahoka, Mo. Her father was Frederic Sprankle, and her mother's maiden name Margaret Bechell. Mr. Benjamin Gilhousen was a stone mason, in politics a Prohibitionist, and in religion Methodist. The children of Maria Sprankle and Benjamin Gilhousen were:

Frederic S. Gilhousen, born Aug. 10, 1834.

Elias S. Gilhousen.

Luzetta S. Gilhousen, married Thomas Curtis.

John Gilhousen, married Julia M. Pierce, mentioned above.

William Gilhousen, born July, 1837, married Sarah E. Clark.

Margaret Gilhousen, born April, 1843, single.

Henrietta Gilhousen, born Aug. 28, 1846, married Orrin Leslie.

Keturah Gilhousen, born Dec. 16, 1848, single.

Jerusha Gilhousen, born Aug. 17, 1851, married Lester Deem.

Resor Gilhousen, born Jan., 1856, married Josie Davis.

The grandfather of John Gilhousen was Elias Gilhousen, who was the inventor of the first steam distillery in the United States. He married Elizabeth Brown of Union Co., Pa. Mr. Elias Gilhousen was also a farmer, and in belief a Lutheran. Their children were:

John Samuel.

Benjamin, mentioned above.

Levi.

Elias.

Josiah.

Frederick.

Katherine.

Elizabeth.

Annie.

The great grandfather of John Gilhousen was Dr. Frederick Gilhousen, who was born in Bremen, Germany. He resided in York county, Pa., and was a celebrated physician. He was poisoned on account of his great practice and popularity. In religion he was a Lutheran. His children were:

Elias, mentioned above.

Frederick.

Annie, married John Sprankle.  
 Polly, married Jacob Zimmerman.  
 Betsy, married Mr. Stahl.

The children of Julia M. Pierce and John Gilhousen are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

89. William Edward Gilhousen, see paragraph 97.
90. Chas. Wesley Gilhousen, see paragraph 98.
91. Lottie A. Gilhousen, born Apr. 29, 1869, died Aug. 17, 1870.
92. John Paxon Gilhousen, see paragraph 99.
93. Ernest D. Gilhousen, born March 31, 1874, single. The Dalles, Oregon.
94. Mable F. Gilhousen, born Oct. 10, 1879, died Aug. 10, 1903.
95. Clarence F. Gilhousen, born April 6, 1884, died July 30, 1884.
96. Nellie M. Gilhousen, born Dec. 14, 1884, single. P. O. The Dalles, Oregon.

97. William E. Gilhousen, see paragraph 89, was born Feb. 4, 1865, at Kahoka, Mo., and was married at Hannibal, Mo., in 1891, to Minnie Hollyman. She died at The Dalles, Oregon, May 23, 1905. Her father was John Hollyman, and the maiden name of her mother was Emmalene Bird. Mr. Gilhousen is a farmer, in politics Prohibitionist, and a Methodist. His children are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Emmalene Gilhousen, born at The Dalles, Ore., in 1893.  
 Leila Gilhousen, also born at The Dalles, in 1899.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

98. Mr. Chas. W. Gilhousen, see paragraph 90, was born at Kahoka, Mo., March 19, 1867, and was married in May, 1892, near Kahoka, to Miss Etta Phillips. She was born in August, 1874, at Wayland, Mo. Her mother's maiden name was Miss Mott. Mr. Gilhousen resides at Canton, Mo., where he is a photographer. In politics he is independent; religion Methodist. He was again married to Anna Bankson of Keokuk. I believe that the children are by the first wife.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Glenn Gilhousen, born May 11, 1894.  
 Garnet M. Gilhousen, born May 13, 1898.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

99. John Paxon Gilhousen, see paragraph 92, was born April 30, 1874, at Kahoka, Mo., and was married Aug. 30, 1896, to Isabelle Bray, who was also born at Kahoka, Oct. 20, 1874. Her father was John Gray; the maiden name of her mother was Mary

Bender. Mr. Gilhousen runs a laundry at What Cheer, Iowa. In politics he is a member of the Prohibition party, religion Methodist and an evangelistic singer. Has led the singing in a number of revival meetings. He is chorister and superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. Attended Missonri State University, and graduated from the Kahoka High School in 1888. Their children are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Laurence Gilhousen, born June 27, 1897.  
Paul D. Gilhousen, died in infancy.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

100. Sarah Adelaide Pierce, see paragraph 83, was born in 1851, at Hannibal, Mo., and was married to Thomas Wilber Fields, who was born at Goderich, Ontario, Canada. His father was James Fields; the maiden name of his mother Mary Ann North. Mr. Fields is a jeweler residing at Kahoka, Mo., a Methodist and in politics a Republican. They have one child.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

Charlotte Miner Fields, died Aug. 8, 1885.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

101. Ella Norah Pierce, see paragraph 84, was born at Hannibal, Mo., and was married in May, 1871, to Henry F. Dakin, who was born Feb. 20, 1850. He died Oct. 12, 1904. The following obituary notice given in the Hannibal "Morning Journal," gives a sketch of his life:

Mr. Dakin was born February 20, 1850, at Harveysburg, Ohio, and at the time of his death was aged 54 years. When 18 years of age he came to Hannibal and has resided here ever since. On arriving here he entered the employ of Bellard & Yonse and later worked for the firm of Bacon & Sons. After the death of the elder Bacon, Mr. Dakin accepted a position as traveling salesman for a St. Louis house, which he held for several years.

In 1878 the deceased formed a partnership with S. P. Givan and opened a grocery store. In 1882 he formed the Holmes-Dakin Cigar company with E. M. Holmes and was actively connected with the company until the time of his death, being its president. Starting in a mere shop the business of the company expanded under the able management of Mr. Dakin until now a large factory is devoted to its business.

Mr. Dakin was also instrumental in organizing the Sui E'Carte Hunting and Fishing Club, the club house of which is across the Mississippi river from Hannibal in Illinois on the Sny. He has been president of the club ever since it was formed, and always took an active interest in it.

Mr. Dakin was married in Hannibal in 1871 to Miss Ella Pierre, daughter of the late Jonathan Pierce, who still survives. In addi-

tion to his widow the deceased leaves three sisters: Mrs. W. M. Harford of St. Louis; Mrs. George W. Hawk, of Waynesville, O., and Mrs. J. E. Latcham of Malcom, Ia., together with four brothers, W. J. Dakin and A. H. Dakin of Hannibal; Rev. W. S. Dakin, of Port Gibson, Miss., and Millard F. Dakin, of New York City. Mr. Dakin only leaves one child, Horace E. Dakin, of Hannibal.

Mrs. Dakin resides at Hannibal, Mo.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

Horace Edwin Dakin was born Oct. 9, 1872, and was married to Daisy Elmore James at Norfolk, Va., Oct. 20, 1897. They have three children.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Edwin Francis Dakin, born Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 19, 1898.  
Virginia Sinclair Dakin, born Hannibal, Mo., March 31, 1900.  
Rowena Dakin, born Hannibal, Mo., July 30, 1902.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

102. Chas. Wesley Pierce, see paragraph 85, was born in 1855, at Hannibal, Mo., and is married to Laura Van Hook. He is employed by the Northern Pacific R. R. company and is located at Jamestown, N. D. They have no children.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

103. James Reed Dobyns, see paragraph 25, was born March 11, 1814, according to his son, Davis P. Dobyns. Maysville, Ky., is given as the place of his birth. He was married to Jane Stewart and Mary Craft. The latter died in July, 1849. He was a carpenter and contractor for years; failed during the war. He afterwards was a United States railway mail agent. Afterward he came to Oregon, Mo., and lived with his son, David P. Dobyns. He died there Jan. 20, 1887. The children of James R. Dobyns and Mary Craft are:

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

- 104. Emma Dobyns, born in 1853, died in infancy.
- 105. Alonzo L. Dobyns, see paragraph 108.
- 106. Byron Dobyns, born in St. Louis in 1843, died in 1860.
- 107. David P. Dobyns, see paragraph 109.

108. Alonzo L. Dobyns, see paragraph 105, was born in St. Louis, Feb. 22, 1837, and was married to Josephine Harion. She was born June 9, 1811, in Alsace Lorraine. Her father was Antoine Harion, and her mother's maiden name was Rosine Conrath. Mr. Dobyns resides at 1513 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo., where his occupation is carpenter. His politics is Republican.

109. David Pollock Dobyns, see paragraph 107, was born Jan.

25, 1845, at St. Louis, Mo. He was married to Emma Greer; her father was Dr. W. A. Greer; her mother, Mary Mason. During the Civil War, Mr. Dohyns entered the Union Army, and was wounded in action in battle in 1861. He recovered and reinlisted in 1864, taking part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville in 1864. Learned printer's trade and has been editor of the Holt County Sentinel, published at Oregon, Mo., for the past 30 years. Nov. 30, 1907, he was elected president of the Northwest Missouri Press Association. His children are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

- 110. Lulu Dohyns, see paragraph 113.
- 111. Edwin B. Dohyns, see paragraph 114.
- 112. Leigh B. Dohyns, see paragraph 115.

113. Lulu Dohyns was born Dec. 11, 1871, and is married to Chas. D. Marker. They reside at Denver, Colo.

114. Edwin Beacie Dohyns, see paragraph 111, was born July 4, 1874, at Macon, Mo., and was married July 5, 1897, at Macon, to Viola Mercer, who was also born at Macon, Feb. 2, 1876. Her father was E. H. Mercer. Mr. Dohyns is a train dispatcher living at 1102 3rd St. Ft. Madison, Iowa. In politics he is neutral, religion Protestant. Their children are:

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Gladys Dohyns, born at Macon, Mo.  
David Raymond Dohyns, born at Ft. Madison, Ia.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

115. Leigh Boone Dohyns, see paragraph 112, was born Nov. 30, 1878, at Oregon, Mo., and was married to Anna Belle Clark, Nov. 1, 1902, at Beloit, Kans. She was born Oct. 21, 1873, in Jewel county, Kans. Her father was Geo. W. Clark, the maiden name of her mother Martha E. Chenoweth. Mr. Dohyns is a telegraph operator residing at Cheyenne, Wyoming, a Mason and in politics Republican. They have two children.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Dorothy Christine Dohyns, born Sept. 27, 1903.  
Leigh Clark Dohyns, born Sept. 16, 1905.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

117. Lewis Craig Dohyns, see paragraph 26, was born Nov. 22, 1847, at Flemingsburg, Ky., and was first married to Charlotte Partridge, May 16, 1847. She was born July 31, 1833, in England, and died December 13, 1870, at Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. Dohyns was again married at Keokuk to Mary Robinson Weakly



May 1, 1850. She was born Nov. 10, 1821, at Union, Doddridge Co., W. Va. She died May 8, 1875, at Keokuk. Her father was John Weakley. The following sketch of Lewis Craig Dobyns has been furnished by his daughter, Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp:

Died of inanition, at his home in the Wightman building, at 2:45 p. m., Monday, June 17, 1901, Lewis Craig Dobyns, aged 83 years, 6 months and 17 days.

He had lived 62 years in Iowa and had been confined to his bed about eleven weeks. Lewis Craig Dobyns was born in Fleming Co., Ky., Nov. 22, 1817. On his father's side he was of English descent. His grandfather, Edward Dobyns, came to America long before the Revolution, landed in New York and from there went to Culpeper county, Va. He removed to Kentucky while that region was yet a part of Virginia, to that part which is now Mason county, and reared a family of 12 children, one of whom, James Dobyns, was the father of the subject of this sketch. Lewis Craig Dobyns is the last of the family.

He was educated in the celebrated Dr. Nelson's Missionary School in Quincy, Ill., and a private high school at the same place. He was the first public school teacher in Keokuk, Iowa. He also taught in Fort Madison for three years and in Fairchild and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Then conducted a private academy in Farmington for three years. He followed the profession of teaching for 25 years, and numbered among his pupils some of the most prominent men in the state of Iowa, among others ex-Governor Drake, who obtained all his education under Mr. Dobyns' tuition.

He entered the service of the Iowa State Insurance Co., of Keokuk, Ia., in 1866, being its first general agent. His territory was the 40 southern counties of the state, and he often walked from one county seat to the other, when as yet no roads were made. Owing to his advanced age and infirmities he severed his connection with the company in 1889 to the regret of all connected with the institution. Since his retirement he has, with the assistance of his daughter, Mary E. Dobyns, done a small local business. The deceased was one of the best known men in the city. He was very active in the pursuit of his business, and this same activity and zeal characterized his life in all his walks. He took a keen interest in public affairs, and through close and constant reading he acquired a large acquaintance with state and national affairs, and his personal acquaintance with public men almost equalled his knowledge of events. He was a life-long Republican, voting first for President Harrison, of Tippecanoe fame, and he continued active in politics up to the time of his last illness. He was a Methodist from his early youth; a devout worshipper. He was a good man, beloved by his family and his legion of friends and respected and honored by all.

He will be missed in the community as well as in the home and his death causes general regret.

Three sons and two daughters out of the family of 10 children mourn his death; namely, Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp, of Eureka, Calif.; Chas. N. Dobyns, editor of the Craig Leader, of Craig, Mo.; Cicero W. Dobyns, Des Moines, Ia.; Edward M. Dobyns, of this city; and

Mary E. Dobyns, of the High School teaching force of this city. The funeral services will be held at the Central M. E. Church at eight o'clock Wednesday morning. From thence the remains will be taken to Keokuk on the 9:20 train, via the Rock Island, to be placed beside his second wife, the mother of the children present (who was laid at rest 26 years ago). The only daughter living by the first wife, Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp, of California, was not present on account of an invalid husband.

The children of Lewis Craig Dobyns by his first wife are the first two given in the following list. The remainder are by the second marriage.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

- 118. Sarah Ann Dobyns, see paragraph 124.
- 119. Charlotte E. Dobyns, born Dec. 12, 1850; died in 1851.
- 120. Edward M. Dobyns, born April 30, 1851; bachelor, living at Oskaloosa, Ia.
- 121. Chas. N. Dobyns, see paragraph 133.
- 122. Cicero W. Dobyns, born Dec. 18, 1861; unmarried.
- 123. Mary E. Dobyns, born Oct. 24, 1866; teacher in public schools, Oskaloosa, Ia.

124. Sarah A. Dobyns, see paragraph 118, was born April 22, 1848, at Farmington, Ia., and was married Nov. 3, 1865, at St. Paul to Wm. A. Kemp. He was born Dec. 13, 1835, at Baltimore, Md., and died March 3, 1905, at St. John, Oregon. His father was Joshua Kemp; the maiden name of his mother Sophia Cole. In politics he was Republican, and a minister of the Methodist Church, as well as farming some at Corvallis, Oregon. His wife lives at Lents, Ore. Her children are:

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

- 125. Babe, born Sept. 19, 1866, died Sept. 21, 1866, and is buried near Clearwater, Minn.
- 126. Lewis Joshua Kemp, see paragraph 131.
- 127. Wm. A. Kemp, see paragraph 132.
- 128. Twins, born Aug. 10, 1871, died Aug. 10, 1871, buried near Bartholomew, Arkansas.
- 129. Henry N. Kemp, born June 9, 1875; killed at Silver Polk, Ore., Aug. 31, 1886. He is buried at Corvallis, Ore.

130. Nellie May Kemp was born at Corvallis, Ore., June 9, 1885. She attended the Holmes business college of Portland for one year, afterwards went to a private school at the same place for special instruction for the same length of time. Served an apprenticeship for the millinery trade and is now working at that occupation in Portland.

131. Lewis Joshua Kemp, see paragraph 126, born near Fairhaven, Minn., Aug. 22, 1867. He married Clara B. Lord at Corvallis, Ore., June 9, 1887. He attended the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis for a time, then entered the mill business and is now part owner and manager of the Table Rock Lumber Co., of Cascades, Wash. He was appointed postmaster of Lents, Ore., but was compelled to resign his position on account of close confinement. They have one child.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

Bessie Ione Kemp, born at Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 16, 1889.  
Married in 1907.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

132. William Andrew Kemp, see paragraph 127, was born June 27, 1869, near Vermont, Ill. He was married at Portland, Ore., April 14, 1906, to Mrs. Florence Handy.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

133. Charles Newton Dobyns, see paragraph 121, was born at Keokuk, Ia., April 3, 1858. He was married April 1, 1890, to Clara B. McNabb, who was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1870. Mr. Dobyns is editor of the Corning "Mirror," Holt Co., Mo., a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian. He has resided in Holt Co. since 1879. They have six children living to perpetuate the Dobyns name, and I am indebted to their father for their names and birthdays, which are here given:

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

Lewis Craig Dobyns, born March 2, 1891.  
Dick Dobyns, born May 15, 1892.  
Mildred Dobyns, born Aug. 27, 1893.  
Sterling Morton Dobyns, born July 11, 1898.  
Clement Dobyns, born Jan. 25, 1900.  
Chas. Ned Dobyns, born April 12, 1902; drowned.  
Louise Dobyns, born April 29, 1905.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

134. Julia Ann Leticia Dobyns, see paragraph 27, was born Aug. 2, 1821, the youngest child of James and Sarah Cooper Dobyns. She married Dr. James Lyon. Mrs. Sarah Kemp writes that she is buried at Hannibal, Mo. Her husband died during the war. They had two children.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

135. Richard F. Lyon, 6th Iowa Inf., Civil War.  
136. Bella Atherton Lyon, married Henry Derr at Montrose, Ia., in 1862. She was on the stage. They had several children but apparently only one is now living.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

George Derr, address unknown.

## SECOND GENERATION.

137. Edward Dobyys, see paragraph 5, was born Feb. 7, 1776, and died Jan. 9, 1831. Hilary Dobyys gives the names of the following children:

## THIRD GENERATION.

B. F. Dobyys, Mexico, Mo.  
Thos. J. Dobyys,  
Silas Dobyys,  
Henry Dobyys.

## SECOND GENERATION.

138. Elizabeth Dobyys, see paragraph 6, was born June 2, 1777, and died Aug. 10, 1852. She married Henry Duval, who is buried near Springfield, Mo. His widow and family lived near Kansas City, Mo.

## THIRD GENERATION.

Fannie Martin,  
Maggie Decker,  
Bettie Duval,  
Mary Duval,  
Giles Duval.

## SECOND GENERATION.

139. Chas. Dobyys, see paragraph 8, was born Aug. 8, 1781, in Culpeper Co., Va. He was married to Elizabeth Porter. He died Feb. 22, 1821 or 1828. Their children and descendants, according to Hilary Dobyys, were:

## THIRD GENERATION.

- 140. Malinda Dobyys, see paragraph 145.
- 141. Jane Dobyys Kirk.
- 142. Frances Dobyys Kennon.
- 143. John P. Dobyys.
- 144. Luther R. Dobyys, killed in 1861.

145. Malinda Dobyys, see paragraph 140, married Thomas Larew. Their children are:

## FOURTH GENERATION.

- 146. Mary Ann Larew.
- 147. Adelaide Larew, see paragraph 149.
- 148. Jane Porter Larew, see paragraph 150.

149. Adelaide Larew, married Silas Duval and had two children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

William Duval,  
Lulu Duval.

FOURTH GENERATION.

150. Jane Porter Larew, see paragraph 148, married James J. Howe, and had several children as are here given:

FIFTH GENERATION.

151. Thomas L. Howe, see paragraph 157.  
152. Conchit Howe.  
153. Mattie Howe.  
154. Jennie C. Howe.  
155. Adelaide Howe.  
156. William Howe.

157. Thos. L. Howe, see paragraph 151, married Lena Burris or Burrick and had a son.

SIXTH GENERATION.

James Howe, married Jane A. Howe.

SECOND GENERATION.

158. Enoch Dobyys, see paragraph 9, was born June 5, 1783. He had four children as far as known, which are here given:

THIRD GENERATION.

Thos. B. Dobyys,  
Edward Dobyys,  
Letitia Hixson Dobyys,  
Frances Dobyys.

SECOND GENERATION.

159. Mary Dobyys, see paragraph 10, born Sept. 21, 1785, and died Aug. 21, 1839. She was married to Mr. Perry. They had a daughter.

THIRD GENERATION.

Mary Perry.

SECOND GENERATION.

160. Benjamin Dobyys, see paragraph 11, was born June 24, 1788, and died Feb. 28, 1844. He married Nancy Porter, daughter of John and Jane Porter. They had a son.

## THIRD GENERATION.

Fleming Dobyns, who died near Palmyra, Mo.

## FOURTH GENERATION.

James B. Dobyns.

Mary P. Dewitt, Columbus, Mo.

Anna R. Bouine, Lancaster, Ky.

Bertie Tinsley, Warrensburg, Mo.

## SECOND GENERATION.

161. Berry Dobyns, see paragraph 12, was born June 8, 1791. Rev. Wm. Ray Dobyns of St. Joseph, Mo., is of the opinion that he was born in Mason Co., Ky., but is not sure. He was married to Mary Porter, daughter of John and Jane Porter. He died Dec. 11, 1837. Their children and grandchildren, as given by William Ray and Hilary Dobyns, are:

## THIRD GENERATION.

162. James B. Dobyns, born Dec. 12, 1811, and married Sabina Sumerell. Lived at Columbus, Johnson Co., Mo.

163. Benjamin Franklin Dobyns, see paragraph 170.

164. John P. Dobyns.

165. Frances M. Dobyns, born July 1, 1820, and died May 17, 1890. She is buried in Mason Co., Ky.

166. Hilary R. Dobyns, see paragraph 176.

167. Frances Jane Dobyns, Mason Co., Ky.

168. Adelaide Dobyns.

169. John Thomas Dobyns, died March 1, 1855, and is buried at Columbus, Mo.

170. Benjamin Franklin Dobyns, see paragraph 163, was born Feb. 2, 1817, at Mayslick, Mason Co., Ky. In 1848 he was married to Margaret Ruth Marrow at Columbus, Mo., and died Feb. 28, 1869, at Columbus, Mo. She was born Nov. 15, 1825, and died Aug. 31, 1878, at Marshall, Mo. Her father was Robert Davis Marrow, D. D., and the maiden name of her mother was Elizabeth Ray. Mr. Dobyns was a physician, in politics a Democrat, and a Campbellite. He resided at Mayslick, Ky., and Columbus, Mo. Their children were:

## FOURTH GENERATION.

171. Mary Berry Dobyns, born March 5, 1849; died Sept., 1868.

172. John Robert Dobyns, born March 31, 1850, married Miss Lily Webster.

173. James Francis Richeson Dobyns, born Dec. 6, 1851, married Miss Lon Dick Murray.

174. Benjamin Graves Dobyns, born July 9, 1856, died autumn of 1868.

175. William Ray Dobyys, born May 17, 1861, at Columbus, Mo., and was married June 19, 1889, at St. Louis, to Mary Triplette Buckland. She was born July 11, 1867, at St. Louis. Her father was Thomas Alfred Buckland, and her mother's maiden name was Mary Ellen Triplette. Mr. Dobyys is the minister of the First Presbyterian Church at St. Joseph, Mo., and is in politics a Cleveland Democrat. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution organization of St. Joseph, Mo. They have two children.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

Margaret Ruth Dobyys, born Jan. 21, 1903, and died Dec. 18, 1903.

Mary Ray Dobyys, born Nov. 9, 1906.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

176. Hilary R. Dobyys, see paragraph 166, was born Dec. 13, 1822, and married Miss Annie Christian. They had four children.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

James P. Dobyys,  
Lizzie R. Dobyys,  
Frances Dobyys,  
Edgar L. Dobyys.















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